

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The pending claims are 54-121.

An Office Action was issued on October 18, 2004. The Office Action was issued after Applicants filed a Fourth Preliminary Amendment on October 15, 2004. The Fourth Preliminary Amendment added claims 85-92. The Office Action did not refer to claims 85-92.

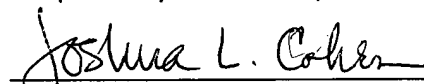
Applicants' representative appreciated the opportunity to discuss claims 85-92 with Examiner Uyen T. Ho on two occasions. On November 12, 2004, Applicants' representative requested the Examiner's withdrawal of the Office Action and issuance of a new Office Action that included an examination of claims 85-92. Examiner Ho kindly agreed to discuss Applicants' request with her supervisor. On January 6, 2005, Examiner Ho stated that the USPTO would issue a Supplemental Office Action (which was expected to be done by the end of the week of January 10, 2005) to provide a substantive examination of claims 85-92 and that the USPTO would restart the clock for Applicants' response. Because the Examiner intends to withdraw the Office Action issued on October 18, 2004, and because Applicants' representative has not received the Supplemental Office Action, Applicants consider the present submission to be a Preliminary Amendment. If a Supplemental Office Action is not in fact issued and if the USPTO instead considers the present submission to be a response to the October 18, 2004 Office Action, Applicants will file a supplemental response upon notification by the USPTO.

Applicants have filed this Fifth Preliminary Amendment to add claims 93-121. Claims 93-108 are substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,685,736, issued on February 3, 2004 to White et al. A copy of the '736 Patent is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 109-121 are substantially copied from U.S. Patent No. 6,689,158, issued on February 10, 2004 to White et al. A copy of the '158 patent is submitted herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

For the Examiner's convenience, applicants have summarized below a correlation between the claims in the five Preliminary Amendments that have been filed in this application and the documents from which they have been copied:

<u>Claims</u>	<u>Applicant(s)</u>	<u>Published Application or Patent</u>	<u>Date Copied</u>
54-61	Ryan et al.	2002/0156521	10/24/03
67-69	White et al.	6,582,458	6/22/04
70-84	White et al.	6,613,073	9/1/04
85-92	Ryan et al.	2003/0195614	10/15/04
93-108	White et al.	6,685,736	herewith
109-121	White et al.	6,689,158	herewith

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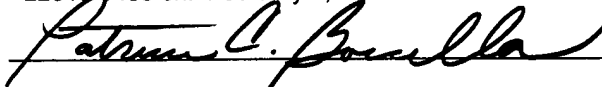
Enclosures: U.S. Patent No. 6,685,736  
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